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Hello Colleagues,

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-U.S. essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points

Details on Demonstrations

- **As of 01 Feb:**
  - **There are little to no people on the Parliament Hill.**
  - **There is one known convoy east of Ottawa but it is expected to remain outside of the City.**
  - **The crowd of parked trucks has thinned again overnight.**
- Police are working with organizers to facilitate the safe departure of individuals and vehicles and to ensure safety.
- The crowd of trucks has thinned a bit. OPS is not permitting incoming truckers from filling the open spaces and this is causing some police engagement. Police resources are addressing this and deploying to maintain public safety.
- **Some demonstrators are suggesting they will stay or return to the protest at a later date.**
- Demonstration in the NCR has scaled down over the past **24** hours.
- **Demonstration continues the border point of entry, Coutts, AB.**
  - **The Coutts port of entry (POE) remains open however due to the demonstration, trucks cannot access the POE.**

Preparedness and Response efforts

- The GOC hosted a Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconference at 13:00 EDT, with partners at TBS and PCO. **Meetings will be on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the week.**
- On 29 Jan, a Request for Federal Assistance (RFA) from Ontario was approved for access to Cartier Square Drill Hall parking lot, for staging of Ottawa Police Service (OPS) operations.
- On 29 Jan a NOTAM was issued for airspace restriction.
- OC Transpo service around downtown Ottawa suspended on third day of truck convoy protest. Link
- **Vulnerable downtown residents hit breaking point as convoy enters 5th day.** Link
- **Health-care workers and patients feeling pressure from the ongoing demonstrations.** Link
- **OPS additionally reports the following:**
  - **The Ottawa Police Chief states that 'All options are on the table' to end truckers' protest as police are continue to negotiate with organizers in an effort to end the demonstrations.** Link
  - **Ottawa police setting up hate crime hotline after reports of assaults and threats.** Link
  - Downtown Ottawa should largely be back to normal within 24 to 48 hours. Link
  - No violence took place in the NCR despite national protest for a wide variety of causes.
  - Continue to avoid non-essential travel to the down town core.
- **OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with truckers/demonstrators and maintaining public safety is the number one priority.**
- For information on planned traffic routes and road closures.
- For updates on the City of Ottawa road closures and traffic or via social media *@Ottawa_Traffic* and *@Ottawa_Circule*.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the event remains peaceful.

- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- **There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations, however it has scaled down again over the last 24 hours.**

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